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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WARRANT SWEEP**

RIVERSIDE, CA – October is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness month and to compliment this national counter-punch against domestic violence, the Riverside Police Department participated in the National Family Violence Apprehension Detail. This event requires participating law enforcement agencies across the country to conduct a Domestic Violence Warrant Sweep on October 21, 2015.

The Riverside Police Department utilized its Domestic Violence Unit and University Neighborhood Enhancement Team (UNET) to attempt to serve ten warrants throughout the City of Riverside. The combined warrant team successfully located and arrested two suspects. Two other suspects were in custody in other counties.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, domestic violence is defined as the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional or psychological abuse.

Domestic violence is prevalent in every community and affects all people regardless of age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

- Every 9 seconds in the US a woman is assaulted or beaten.



- In the United States, an average of 20 people is physically abused by intimate partners every minute; this equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner.
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner.
- 1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have been stalked. Stalking causes the target to fear she/he or someone close to her/him will be harmed or killed.
- On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive approximately 20,800 calls.
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.
- Domestic violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
- Domestic violence is most common among women between the ages of 18-24.
- 19% of domestic violence involves a weapon.
- Domestic victimization is correlated with a higher rate of depression and suicidal behavior.
- Only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.

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